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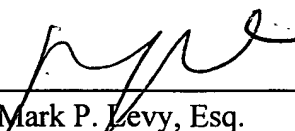
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The undersigned, as Vice President of Premark FEG L.L.C., has reviewed the evidentiary documents for the above-identified patent application, which to the best of his knowledge consists of the attached assignment, and hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, all right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified application is in Premark FEG L.L.C., the party seeking to take this action.

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, F. Martin Pollock and Joyce A. Ahrens invented certain new and useful **INLET BAFFLE FOR WATER HEATER** (Docket No. 006593-1868) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, **Premark FEG L.L.C.**, a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 509, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

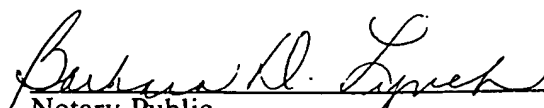
Sept. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of Sept., 2000.

  
F. Martin Pollock

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On this 22 day of Sept, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named F. Martin Pollock, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

  
Notary Public

BARBARA D. LYNCH  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 10-06-02

Sept., 2000. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of

Joyce A. Ahrens  
Joyce A. Ahrens

STATE OF Ohio )  
COUNTY OF ) ss:

Miami

On this 22 day of Sept., 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named Joyce A. Ahrens, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Barbara D. Lynch  
Notary Public

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